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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Art Unit: 3747

ENGINE AND METHOD OF OPERATION  
WITH CYLINDER DEACTIVATION

Examiner: John T. Kwon

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Docket: GP-303464

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.